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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 13-18 are pending before the present amendment (claims 7-12 have been withdrawn earlier in response to the examiner's restriction requirement). By the present amendment, claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice, and claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action, the specification is objected to for containing informalities. The specification has been appropriately amended to remove the informalities, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the office action, claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2003/0117356 (Moon) in view of 2002/0149318 (Shirochi). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Moon, in view of Jeon and Shirochi, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,074 (Kusafuka). The "et al." suffix is omitted in a reference name.

In the office action, claims 2 and 6 are indicated as being allowable if they are rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of the intervening claim 4 and the allowable dependent claim 6. Claims 4 and 6 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-3 and 5 are now in condition for allowance.

In the office action, claims 13-20 are allowed.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5, and 13-18, now pending in this application are in condition for allowance or already

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allowed. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the next action. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action.

When issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper in the next action, the examiner is authorized to cancel the withdrawn claims, for which the applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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